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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Defense Panel Report

1. As you are aware, the President's Blue Ribbon Defense Panel (chaired by Gilbert W. Fitzhugh, Chairman of Board, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company) has recently completed a year's study of the operations and organization of the Department of Defense. Their report, copies of which are attached, has received considerable attention in the press.

2. Some of the recommendations are quite controversial, and at this time it is not clear what the outcome will be with regard to actual implementation. Nevertheless, since some of the changes proposed by the Panel could impact on the way the Agency does its business, it seems prudent to do some homework with the report as it now stands.

3. The Plans Directorate, of course, has multiple points of interface with the Pentagon and thus Chapter I, which proposed major reorganizational steps, will be of interest. The analysis and conclusions with respect to Defense R&D problems in Chapter II will also be pertinent. I am sending you three copies of the report with the thought that [] and TSD will want to look closely at the foregoing sections, with further distribution at your discretion.

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4. You will note that on page ix is a list of some 14 appendices which are to be published separately. I presume that in due course these too will be made available to us.

5. At some occasion in the near future (e.g., a Deputies Meeting), it may be appropriate to assemble our thoughts collectively and assess what these proposed changes may portend for CIA/Defense relationships.

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